

### Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 2-5 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement by the Examiner.

### Elections/Restrictions

The Applicant respectfully traverses the withdrawal of claim 12 as being directed to a non-elected species. Restriction is proper only if examination of all pending claims poses an undue burden upon the Examiner. See, MPEP § 803.01 (Examiner **must** examine entire application if it can be made without serious burden). No such burden would exist in this case. The control method recited in claim 12 corresponds to the method practiced by the hybrid drive system recited in claim 1, and includes the elements of clause (g) of claim 1 as amended. Claims 1 and 12 therefore relate to a single inventive concept and should both be considered in this application.

### Claim rejections

#### Section 112

Claim 1 and 6-11 were rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggested claim language for claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 6-11 under 35 USC 112 is therefore respectfully requested.


### Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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